

City of Troy, NY

Police Objective Review Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2025

Place: Troy City Hall

Time: 6:35PM

Present: Jeff Anderson
Paul Higgitt
Peter McCorkle
Starletta Renee
Elijah Scott
Michael Tuttman
John Vanalstyne

Guests: Captain Mary Magnetto
Saahir Seraj, Esq.

Excused: Marcus Nix

The September 2025 Police Objective Review Board meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on September 8th. There was a quorum.

Regarding the PORB's proposal to amend City Code Chapter 79, Article II, Section 79.5, we were informed that the next city council meeting will discuss the proposal which would increase the number of members on the Police Objective Review Board from eight to nine.

The PORB agreed to conduct interviews at the regular monthly meeting in October. Applications received after the stated deadline of May 30, 2025 will be accepted.

The Mayor and Chief of Police released a statement regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations taking place in Troy. While the Troy Police Department has not been involved in any ICE raids, the department will fully cooperate with ICE to maintain public safety. There has been at least one incident where ICE was notified of a suspect was arrested and charged with assault.

USC 42, Section 1983 is a federal law that allows individuals government actors in federal court for violating their rights, privileges, or immunities that are secured by the US Constitution. The TPD can be sued if an officer is accused of misconduct that violates someone's federal rights. Examples of those violations are use of excessive force, unlawful searches, or false arrest. One case has been issued against the TPD for the period of August 2024 to present.

An updated organizational chart was distributed. While there were not significant changes regarding policy and procedure, there were a few notable promotions including a new Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief. A copy of the chart will be sent to the PORB at a later date.

There were reviews of OPS case files 25-08 and 25-10. OPS 25-08 was a complaint of excessive force that was closed after review of body cam footage. The complainant claimed that falsely arrested her, pushed her down the stairs which caused injuries, and were discourteous. The PORB unanimously agreed with the findings that the camera footage refuted the claims, and there were no violations of policy and procedure.

OPS 25-10 was a complaint that was submitted via complaint form. The complaint alleges that the officer falsely arrested the complainant's wife and that the body worn camera was not activated. The PORB reviewed the footage and did not see any cause of for criticism of the responding officer. The PORB unanimously agreed with the findings that evidence did not support the complaint.

An updated complaint log will be distributed before then next regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

The next meeting is scheduled for October 6th.